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THE MESSAGE.

President Arthur's farewell annual message to Congress was presented on Monday, and appears in full in this issue of THE HERALD. It is not a great state paper like some of its predecessors, and it will not go "thundering down the ages." There is nothing great about Mr. Arthur, unless it be the exquisite fit of his pantaloons or the artistic cut of his beard; again, there is nothing in the present condition of the country to call forth a great message. Circumstances make men, as opportunities furnish material for brilliant and able Presidential messages. The country is fortunate in its tranquil condition, but Mr. Arthur seems to be deplorably unfortunate in wanting the chance to make his farewell annual communication to Congress a paper that will excite attention above common place, and live longer than the hour in which it was being read. However, considering the circumstances and the opportunities presented, this last message of President Arthur must be regarded as fairly good. He has made as much of the situation as possible—as much in fact as anyone could have done, and has given us a paper that contains many really wise suggestions and commendable recommendations.

As a matter of course there is a reference to Utah. The message of a Republican President that did not contain an attack upon poor Utah would be an anomaly. Happily we will be afflicted by no more Republican Presidents, and perhaps Congress will hereafter escape the annual prod, which means little or nothing, and which is merely inserted to comport with the party platform and tickle the meddlesome people who are so deeply interested in the affairs of others, whether or not they pay much attention to their own. Last year Mr. Arthur said in his message:

The Utah Commission has submitted to the Secretary of the Interior its second annual report. As a result of its labors in supervising the recent election in that Territory, pursuant to the act of March 22, 1882, it appears that persons by that act disqualified to the number of about 12,000 were excluded from the polls. This fact, however, affords little cause for congratulation, and I fear that it is far from indicating any real and substantial progress toward the extirpation of polygamy. All the members-elect of the Legislature are Mormons. There is grave reason to believe that they are in sympathy with the practices that this government is seeking to suppress, and that its efforts in that regard will be more likely to encounter their opposition than to receive their encouragement and support. Even if this view should happily be erroneous, the law under which the Commissioners have been acting should be made more effective by the incorporation of some such stringent amendments as they recommend, and as were included in bill No. 2238 on the calendar of the Senate at its last session.

I am convinced, however, that polygamy has become so strongly entrenched in the Territory of Utah that it is profitless to attack it with any but the stoutest weapons which constitutional legislation can furnish. I favor therefore the repeal of the act upon which the existing government depends, the assumption by the national legislature of the entire political control of the Territory, and the establishment of a commission with such powers and duties as shall be delegated to it by law.

This time he says:

The report of the Utah Commission will be read with interest. It discloses the results of recent legislation looking to the prevention and punishment of polygamy in that Territory. I still believe that if that abominable practice can be suppressed by law, it can only be by the most radical legislation consistent with the Constitution. I again recommend, therefore, that Congress assume absolute political control of the Territory of Utah and provide for the appointment of a Commission with such governmental power as in its judgment may justly and wisely be put into their hands.

It will thus be seen that the President has held to the idea and almost to the language furnished him in 1883 (as correctly rumored) by Governor Murray. This time the Utah reference is shorter indicating that Arthur rather than Murray wrote it on the present occasion. For the present brevity we thank the President. The recommendation itself is unimportant and immaterial in view of its viciousness and also in view of the fact that the present Congress has only three months of life all of which must be devoted to weightier matters than the regulation of the morals of a Territory which is peaceful, prosperous, quiet and contented.

Altogether President Arthur has concluded his series of messages with one that is neither brilliant nor dim; it is mediocre, and therefore like its author.

The next message to Congress will be read with a good deal more interest than this one.

THE WESTERN UNION office in this city is entitled to the highest praise for the manner in which it received the President's message on Monday. Of the many Presidential messages handled by THE HERALD, none has ever come in better shape than that which appears in this issue. No part was missing, and the clerical errors were so few as to be scarcely noticeable. That such a document can be transmitted across the continent in the course of a few hours, passing through many hands, and be handed out at this end of the line in complete form, and comparatively free from mistakes and what are known in telegraph parlance as "bulls," is something wonderful, and shows to what a high state of efficiency the Western Union has brought the telegraphic service.

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